

[9-16-11 - Margot Knight quits United Arts](#)

One of the most important figures in Central Florida's arts scene resigns. We'll have a conversation with Margot Knight, president and CEO of United Arts, about her decision to leave the organization to take on a new role in California.

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[9-9-11 - Photo exhibit documents Florida's African American history](#)

The mid-century history of three African-American communities in Florida. We talk with Creadé Executive Director Peter Schreyer about a photograph exhibition at the [Hannibal Square Heritage Center](#).

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[9-2-11 - Orlando Rep. UCF partnership remains vital](#)

The season ahead at the [Orlando Repertory Theatre](#), plus the organization's partnership with UCF. A conversation with Artistic Director Jeffrey Revels.

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[8-26-11 - Season Preview: Theatre UCF](#)

The latest in our series of interviews previewing the upcoming season in the arts - a conversation with Christopher Niess from [Theatre UCF](#).

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[8-19-11 - G.O.A.T. presents Spring Awakening](#)

The controversial play, Spring Awakening, comes to Orlando. We chat with the Artistic Director of the [Greater Orlando Actors Theatre](#), and the UCF student playing the role of Hanschen in the production.

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[8-12-11 - Season Preview: Orlando Shakespeare Theater](#)

The third in our series of season previews. A conversation with Melissa Mason from the [Orlando Shakespeare Theater](#) in partnership with UCF.

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[8-5-11 - Season Preview - Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra](#)

The second in our series of interviews previewing the upcoming season at some of Orlando's top arts organizations. We chat with Christopher Wilkins, Music Director at the [Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra](#).

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[7-29-11 - Season Preview: The Orlando Ballet](#)

The first in our series looking ahead at the 2011-2012 season in the arts. We chat with the [Orlando Ballet's](#) Artistic Director Robert Hill.

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[7-22-11 - A new online portal for C. Florida history research](#)

Presenting Central Florida history using new media. This week we chat with the Director of the [UCF Riches Project](#).

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[7-15-11 - Making movies out of paintings](#)

Turning paintings into movies - a conversation with Central Florida artist [Carl Knickerbocker](#) about his unusual journey from canvas to film.

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[7-8-11 - UCF students perform Love, Sex and the IRS](#)

Students delve into the high-energy world of theatrical farce. We chat with Christopher Niess from the [UCF Conservatory Theater](#) about Love, Sex and the IRS.

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[7-2-11 - Cuban Revolution under the microscope](#)

A historian's view of the Cuban Revolution. How a new book by a UCF professor aims to further understanding of politics and life on the island.

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[6-24-11 - Top collage artist on show at Orlando gallery](#)

One of the world's leading New Contemporary artists, [Derek Gores](#), talks about his internationally recognized collage work, and new exhibit on now in Orlando.

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[6-17-11 - Throat Punch Gallery opens in Orlando](#)

Taking art beyond the arts establishment - a conversation with Orlando artist, [Lindsey Rukkus](#), whose efforts to get her work accepted led her to open her [own gallery](#).

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[6-10-11 - Teachers chosen to attend arts retreat](#)

Five public school teachers from Florida are selected to attend a month long artists' retreat as part of new program. We chat with [Winter Park High School's](#) Melissa Pranke on being chosen for the new residency.

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[6-3-11 - UCF's Peter Telep on working with literary greatness](#)

A conversation with [Peter Telep](#) - author and UCF instructor - about "Against All Enemies", his new book with Tom Clancy.

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[5-27-11 - Arts Walk puts Sanford on the cultural map](#)

[Sanford](#) is fast becoming a local arts hub. Listen to our chat with two women who have been instrumental in putting Sanford on the arts map.

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[5-20-11 - Fringe celebrates 20 years in Orlando](#)

[The Orlando Fringe](#) celebrates its 20th anniversary. Check out our a conversation with Fringe producer Beth Marshall about how the event has changed and what's planned for the future.

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[5-13-11 - Choir forges bonds through music](#)

Building community through song. We take a look at Winter Garden's [Garden Community Choir](#) and its important role in bringing people together.

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[5-6-11 - ArtBeat previews upcoming Fringe musical](#)

Building up to the Orlando Fringe, we talk with [Michael Marinaccio](#), Director of the upcoming Fringe production "Suckers: A freaky little musical."

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[4-29-11 - SNAP focuses on surreal photography](#)

The best in photography from around the world goes on show as [SNAP](#) returns to Orlando for a second year. We talk with SNAP producer Patrick Kahn about this year's emphasis on all things surreal.

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[4-22-11 - Plein air painting returns to Winter Park](#)

Art as it happens - a chat with Debbie Komanski from the [Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens](#). We talk about the annual Winter Park Paint Out and painting en plein air.

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[4-15-11 - A conversation with Highwayman Cornell Smith](#)

Check out Steve's full length ArtBeat interview with Cornell Smith, one of the original Florida Highwaymen.

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[4-15-11 - New book describes a harsh life growing up in Florida](#)

UCF Associate Professor of English [Terry Ann Thaxton](#) reveals the story of her life of abuse, cruelty and love among Florida's pines and Palmettos. Plus, we hear from Cornell Smith - one of the original Florida Highwaymen - whose work is appearing at the [Hannibal Square Heritage Center](#).

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[4-8-11 - The Festival of Orchestras ends operations](#)

The [Festival of Orchestras](#) calls it quits after 27 years. We explore the future of classical music in Central Florida with Louis Supowitz, the chairman of the Board of Directors for the Festival.

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[4-1-11 - New performing arts venue to open in Orlando](#)

A brand new space for the performing arts throws opens its doors in downtown Orlando. The Abbey promises to be an affordable option for small, local arts groups. We chat with the President of the [Florida Theatrical Association](#) about the new venue.

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[3-25-11 - UCF music festivals attract major names](#)

[The UCF-Orlando Jazz Festival](#) and the [UCF Opera Scholarship Festival](#) both bring high-profile names in music to Central Florida. We chat with the UCF professors behind both events.

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[3-18-11 - UCF exhibit tackles the debate over Barbie](#)

[The UCF Women's Research Center](#) hosts an exhibition of artwork centered on the Barbie doll. Cheryl Cabrera's exhibit "The Subject of Devotion" explores whether Barbie is just a doll, or a harmful influence on young girls who are already conscious about their looks.

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[3-11-11 - Into The Woods from the UCF Conservatory Theatre](#)

Students rehearse for an upcoming production of Into The Woods from the [UCF Conservatory Theatre](#). We discuss the themes of this Stephen Sondheim play, and the lessons that can be learned from the characters.

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[3-4-11 - UCF students make award-winning feature film](#)

UCF graduates put the finishing touches to a feature film due out this summer. We chat with Allie Kenyon, the Producer of [Theodore is Dying](#) - a dark, gritty tale of redemption and brutal honesty set in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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[2-25-11 - UCF's Interactive Expeditions expands horizons](#)

Using state-of-the-art technology, UCF's [Interactive Expeditions](#) takes students on virtual tours of far-flung parts of the world. We chat with the Director of UCF's Center for Humanities and Digital Research.

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[2-18-11 - The Central FL Community Choir begins rehearsals](#)

A brand new arts group establishes itself in the Orlando area. As the [Central Florida Community Choir](#) begins rehearsals, we chat with the organizers of the venture about what they hope to bring to the local arts scene.

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[2-11-11 - Nude Nite returns to Orlando](#)

[Nude Nite](#) shows off the work of hundreds of artists in an exotic celebration of the body beautiful. We chat with Director Kelly Stevens about some of the challenges in putting on an event based around nudity.

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[2-5-11 - UCF, OMA join forces for print fair](#)

[UCF's Flying Horse Editions](#) teams up with the [Orlando Museum of Art](#) to host the area's first national fine arts print fair, offering limited-edition works by emerging and established artists from New York City and elsewhere.

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[1-28-11 - Mad Cow Theatre presents Albee play](#)

Two UCF students receive [Congressional Award Gold Medals](#) for their community service. Plus, The Mad Cow Theatre's presentation of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf opens in downtown Orlando.

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[1-27-10 - Extended Interview: J. Barry Lewis](#)

Hear Steve's full interview with the Director of the [Mad Cow Theatre's](#) latest production, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? J. Barry Lewis discusses the origins of the play, its meaning, and its relevance to modern day America. Part of this conversation will air on WUCF ArtBeat, Friday January 28th on 89.9 Jazz and more.

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[1-24-11 - Extended Interview: N.Y. Nathiri](#)

Hear Steve's full length conversation with N.Y. Nathiri from the Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, on the life and works of Zora Neale Hurston, her politics, and use of African American dialect in her writing.

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[1-21-11 - Zora Festival focuses on Haiti](#)

A year after the earthquake in Haiti, the 22nd [Zora Neale Hurston Festival](#) focuses on the favorite daughter of Eatonville's connection to the arts and culture of the Caribbean nation. We discuss Hurston's love of Haiti with the festival's main organizer N.Y. Nathiri.

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[1-14-11 - Five Course Love at the Winter Park Playhouse](#)

Katie Ball fills in for Steve Mort to talk with Michael Edwards, Director of the musical "Five Course Love" - opening January 21st at the [Winter Park Playhouse](#). Three actors portraying fifteen characters, in what's shaping up to be a very tasty production.

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[1-7-11 - UCF's Hidden Artists display their talents](#)

The work of UCF's "[Hidden Artists](#)" goes on display. A new exhibit from UCF faculty and staff members who create artwork on their own time opens at the University of Central Florida. Hear how the college setting acts as a catalyst for creativity.

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[12-31-10 - The best of local arts in 2010](#)

A special New Year's Eve edition of ArtBeat looking back at some of the best ArtBeat interviews of 2010. We review the highlights of year in the arts at the [University of Central Florida](#) and around Orlando.

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[12-24-10 - Success for UCF Musical Theater major](#)

A conversation with [UCF Musical Theatre](#) major Rebecca Galarza who recently won the Best Female Performer in the World gong at the amusement park industry's top awards night.

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[12-17-10 - The year at the Arts And Cultural Alliance Of Central Florida](#)

The second in our series looking back at 2010 and ahead to 2011. We chat with Autumn Ames from the [Arts And Cultural Alliance Of Central Florida](#) about the state of the arts, plus review some of the area's festive offerings.

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[12-10-10 - Reflections on 2010 at the Orlando Philharmonic](#)

It's been a busy and eventful year for Central Florida's arts organizations. And none more so than the [Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra](#). This year, the orchestra appointed a new concert master and delved into the world of opera which it plans to continue doing in 2011.

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[12-3-10 - UCF RICHES promotes local history](#)

Presenting history using new media. UCF students prepare documentaries that bring events in local history to life using films and podcasts. We look at how the [UCF RICHES](#) program is promoting the collection and preservation of Central Florida history.

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[11-26-10 - Orlando Musical Duo, The Knots](#)

In this episode Katie Ball talks with singer/songwriter Rudy Stockhausen of [The Knots](#) about the band's origins, influences, and their "not-so-secret weapon". Featuring music by The Knots.

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[11-19-10 - Mentoring program from Downtown Arts](#)

How Orlando's Downtown Arts District is trying an innovative approach to getting young people engaged in the arts community. We chat with executive director Shanon Larimer about a new program of mentoring.

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[11-12-10 - 'In The Limelight'- a theatrical company for kids](#)

Youngsters get involved in the performing arts through education and live stage productions. We'll talk with Katie Corrie from ['In The Limelight'](#) - a theatrical company for kids and teens in Central Florida.

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[11-5-10 - UCF students open exhibit of surrealist works](#)

Surrealist works by students go on display at [UCF's Center for Emerging Media](#). The exhibition is called 'Transformations' and includes photographs, paintings and sculptures. We're joined by one of the students, Heather Comparetto, who talks about the exhibit, her work, and her enthusiasm for surrealism.

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[10-29-10 - UCF Jazz Ensemble I to release professional CD](#)

The UCF Jazz Ensemble prepares to launch a professionally produced CD, Jazz Town. Professor Jeff Rupert from UCF's Jazz Studies program joins us to discuss how releasing the CD is teaching students about more than just recording an album.

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[10-22-10 - Documentary filmmaking focus of new book](#)

The art of documentary filmmaking is explored in a new book by Emmy Award winning producer, writer and director, and Baldwin Park resident James Martin. We talk with Martin about his work and his storied career.

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[10-15-10 - Urban Orlando inspires art exhibit](#)

Emerging Orlando artists Sherri Bunye and Robert Ross make urban Orlando the focus of their works. We talk with the artists about their exhibit at the Avant Gallery at the [City Arts Factory](#).

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[10-8-10 - UCF Short Film Showcase](#)

Short films from UCF's past and present. The First Annual Fall Showcase takes place at UCF's Center for Emerging Media. We'll talk about the event which aims to open up the world of micro-budget and short filmmaking to the public.

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[10-1-10 - The Chimes plays at UCF](#)

Play director David Lee talks with Katie Ball about time travel in "The Chimes," a production at the UCF Conservatory's Black Box Theater.

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[9-24-10 - The Crealdé School of Art](#)

The Crealdé School of Art celebrates 35 years in Winter Park with its annual auction event.

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[9-17-10 - Global Peace Film Festival](#)

The Annual Global Peace Film Festival kicks off showcasing work from international and local directors. The festival, which originated in Central Florida, calls itself a place to honor those who promote global and community awareness of peace and environmental sustainability.

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[9-10-10 - Annual UCF Latin American Cultural Festival of Orlando](#)

The University of Central Florida showcases diverse musical styles from Latin America to mark National Hispanic Heritage Month.

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[9-3-10 - UCF grad's work shows at CFL Film Festival](#)

The Orlando Philharmonic and the Orlando Ballet are the subjects of a documentary - produced by a former UCF student - and shown at the Central Florida Film Festival.

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[8-27-10 - Orlando's Twelve21 Gallery](#)

The work of three UCF students goes on display at the new Twelve21 Gallery on Ivanhoe Row. We speak with the curator of the gallery about the exhibition, the mission of Twelve21, and the downtown Orlando arts scene.

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[8-20-10 - Jambando's "Woodstock II" festival](#)

Katie Ball fills in for Steve Mort to talk with Kevin Moore, one of the producers of Jambando's "Woodstock II" festival.

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[8-13-10 - The Greater Orlando Actors Theatre](#)

We talk with members of the Greater Orlando Actors Theatre, including UCF student Krystal Gillette, about the group's production of Some Girl(s) by Neil LaBute. We also discuss how G.O.A.T. hopes to add to the local arts scene and attract UCF students to its shows.

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[8-6-10 - UCF students in Relevant Theatrics](#)

UCF students bring the theater of the absurd to Orlando as they perform Waiting for Godot. We talk with Josh Baggett from Relevant Theatrics about his love of the works of Samuel Beckett.

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[7-30-10 - The UCF Art Alumni Chapter](#)

The UCF Art Alumni Chapter keeps former students in the arts in touch with the arts community. We chat with Chair, Mari Ani Camchong, about the work of the Art Alumni Chapter and its efforts to support local arts.

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[7-23-10 - La Nouba juggler holds world records](#)

Juggling his way into the record books - we talk with Anthony Gatto - a world renowned juggler, Orlando resident, and performer at La Nouba by Cirque du Soleil.

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[7-16-10 - Opera on film at Enzian](#)

The Enzian Theater in Maitland steps in to bring opera to Central Florida - presenting a series of operas on film this summer, all in stunning high definition.

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[7-9-10 - Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?](#)

The UCF Conservatory Theater presents Edward Albee's Tony Award-winning drama Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? We talk with one of just four actors in the play.

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[7-2-10 - Orlando band, The Broken Inn](#)

Orlando rock band, The Broken Inn, has defied the odds by staying together for four years with the same lineup of musicians - a particularly impressive feat considering they started together when they were 15 years old. Hear how this "young" band could teach the old-timers a thing or two.

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[6-25-10 - Bach Festival Summer Music Academy](#)

Young students perform a free concert in Winter Park - the culmination of a week of musical learning, which even included a Yoga for Singers class led by UCF's Dr Jeremy Hunt.

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[6-18-10 - Seminole County Repertory Juniors](#)

The talent of young actors on show in Sanford. The Seminole County Repertory Company Juniors present Wonderland - billed as an unabashedly silly adaptation of Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking Glass - at the Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center.

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[6-11-10 - Bluegrass picking in Cassia](#)

Traditional bluegrass jams remain popular in many parts of Florida. We visit one of the area's longest running picking sessions between Eustis and Deland, and talk to the musicians keeping the genre alive.

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[6-4-10 - UCF School of Visual Arts and Design](#)

UCF announces the formation of a new school designed to combine traditional and new media arts. The School of Visual Arts and Design is intended to integrate the study of diverse arts - from painting and sculpture, to animation and computer game design.

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[5-28-10 - Votive Offerings from Diverse Cultures.](#)

A unique exhibition is on in Winter Park revealing an ancient gift giving tradition common to many parts of the world. The Crealde School of Art In partnership with UCF's Cultural Heritage Alliance is currently hosting an exhibition by UCF graduate Natalia Marques da Silva.

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[5-21-10 - SNAP! Photography Showcase](#)

Celebrating the photograph - Snap! - a 4 day photography showcase comes to Orlando, with the work of renowned international, national and local photographers on display.

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[5-14-10 - Emotions Dance Company](#)

Telling dark stories through art - how one local choreographer is tackling issues such as disease, abuse and despair using music and dance. We talk with Larissa Humiston, Artistic Director of the Emotions Dance Company.

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[5-7-10 - Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra](#)

The Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra reaches the culmination of its season. We talk with Colleen Blagov, the Executive Director of the orchestra, about the FSYO's season finale.

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[4-30-10 - The Orlando Cabaret Festival](#)

The Orlando Cabaret Festival kicks off. We talk with Mitzi Maxwell from the Mad Cow Theater about this year's performances that range from jazz and pop to Broadway and comedy, with Central Florida's favorite artists along with artists from the New York cabaret scene.

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[4-23-10 - Mobile Art Gallery Hits Orlando's Streets](#)

Taking art on the road in a U-Haul trailer. We chat with Mark Baratelli, editor of the local arts website TheDailyCity.com, about his occasional art gallery on wheels.

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[4-7-10 - Florida Film Festival](#)

The Florida Film Festival is a culinary and film party that envelops Central Florida every spring. Filmmakers talk about the works shown at the festival.

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[4-16-10 - The First UCF Book Festival](#)

The Inaugural UCF Book Festival takes place this weekend in the UCF Arena. We talk with the event's organizers about what is billed as one of Florida's premier literary events.

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[4-9-10 - Third Thursdays in Downtown Orlando](#)

Thousands of people descend on downtown Orlando on the third thursday of every month for the Gallery Hop. We talk with Shanon Larimer about the Downtown Arts District organization, its mission and vision for Orlando's arts scene.

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[4-2-10 - Playfest to feature Philip Seymour Hoffman](#)

The Orlando Shakespeare Theater in partnership with UCF gets ready for Playfest - a ten-day theater event, this year featuring Philip Seymour Hoffman. We talk with Patrick Flick, the Shakespeare Theater's Director of New Play Development.

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[3-26-10 - UCF students bring unique perspective to photography](#)

Photography like you've never seen it before - three candidates from UCF's Master of Fine Arts program in Studio Art and the Computer unveil their work to the public. We explore how Jeanay Fullerton, James Hall and Sarah Stead use their cameras to create fascinating effects.

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[3-19-10 - The UCF Orlando Jazz Festival features musical greats](#)

We speak with the Director of the Jazz Program at the UCF School of Music, Jeff Rupert, about the big names in jazz appearing at this year's UCF Orlando Jazz Festival.

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[3-12-10 - Countdown to the UCF Orlando Jazz Festival](#)

UCF's Jazz Professors warm up for the third annual UCF-Orlando Jazz Festival. We talk with faculty member Marty Morell about the planned tribute to Bill Evans and Stan Getz - and his work on an album by the legendary duo.

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[3-5-10 - Young composers get their chance to shine](#)

Stunning works by Central Florida's newest classical composers - youngsters aged 13 through 18 prepare to compete in this year's Young Composers Challenge. We talk to the contest's founder about the depth of teenage talent when it comes to classical composition.

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[2-26-10 - Arts groups join forces for concert opera](#)

The Orlando Philharmonic teams up with the Mad Cow Theatre for Carmen. How a partnership between two major arts organizations is keeping opera on stage in Central Florida. We speak with representatives of both the Philharmonic and Mad Cow about the production and its world-class cast.

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[2-19-10 - Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong](#)

The story of a jazz legend. We talk with Terry Teachout - the drama critic of the Wall Street Journal - about his new book that details Louis Armstrong's rise from poverty in New Orleans to become one of the greatest jazz musicians of the twentieth century.

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[2-12-10 - UCF Opera brings comedy to the stage](#)

Comedy and opera meet in Betly by Italian composer Gaetano Donizetti. We speak with the Director of the UCF Opera, Thomas Potter, about the opera workshop's latest production, and the future of opera music.

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[2-10-10 Nude Night](#)

Nude Night comes to Orlando again February 11-13! This three night event features 250 works of art by over 100 artists. Artists Marla E, Leah Woodworth, and Khalil Caesar (aka Huggi), and event organizer Kelly Stevens are interviewed within this segment.

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[2-5-10 - UCF Symphony Orchestra presents Music from the East](#)

The UCF Symphony Orchestra is featuring the contemporary work of an Israeli composer in its latest concert. We speak with the Director of Orchestral Studies at UCF, Laszlo Marosi, about the challenges posed by contemporary music for both musicians and audiences.

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[1-29-10 - Colours of Courage: A Celebration of Black History in America.](#)

African American history over the centuries, brought to life with contemporary dance. The Moore Dance Project, a part of the Center for Contemporary Dance, presents its production Colours of Courage: A Celebration of Black History in America. We speak with dancer and UCF alum, Jere James, and others involved in the production.

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[1-22-10 - A career painting animals using watercolors.](#)

Local artist Bob Hague talks about the art of pet portraits, and a new exhibition that has just opened in downtown Orlando. His work, along with the work of fellow artist Leslie Keller can be seen in a new exhibition near Lake Eola.

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[1-15-10 - Celebrating the life and writing of Zora Neale Hurston](#)

This year, UCF's College of Arts and Humanities is teaming up with the 50th Anniversary Zora Legacy Celebration. We speak with the UCF students preparing to perform an adaptation of the African American folklorist's works.

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[1-8-10 - Musicians bring Gypsy Jazz to Central Florida](#)

The sounds of 1930s Paris come to Central Florida. We speak with the members of local group, The Cook Trio, about their love of Gypsy Jazz, the father of the genre Django Reinhardt, and the trio's upcoming CD.

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[12-18-09 - Silent actor Brandon Roberts](#)

Actor Brandon Roberts - bringing a festive flair to mime. [The PB&J Theatre Factory's](#) latest production, Sleigh, is playing in Winter Garden. Hear how the greats of silent comedy provide inspiration to the stars of the show.

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